

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~packing a glass base material~~ as claimed in claim 3 35, wherein ~~said rolling up step rolls up said glass base material, which is put into said plastic bag [[,]]~~ is wrapped with three-layers of said air packing material.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~packing a glass base material~~ as claimed in claim 3 35, wherein ~~said packing packs said glass base material in said cylindrical container which has an inside diameter of~~ that is approximately 10 mm larger than a diameter of said glass base material.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~packing a glass base material~~ as claimed in claim 3 35, wherein ~~said packing further has comprising:~~

capping both ends of said cylindrical container, which ~~packs said glass base material~~, by caps.

Claim 7. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 6, wherein said packing further has:

filling space between an end of said glass base material and said cap with a cushion material.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~packing a glass base material~~ as claimed in claim 6, wherein ~~said packing further has~~ further comprising:

providing an inside cap, which has a shape that ~~can fit~~ is compatible with a shape of ~~an~~ end of said glass base material, ~~on~~ in a space between said end of said glass base material and said cap.

Claim 9. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

packing a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material, into a cylindrical container.

Claim 10. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

packing a plurality of said cylindrical containers, each of which is packed with said glass base material, into a square-shaped box.

Claim 11. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 1, wherein said packing packs a plurality of said glass base materials into said cylindrical container.

Claim 12. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 11, wherein said packing has:

putting each of said plurality of said glass base materials into each of individual plastic bags; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, into said cylindrical container.

Claim 13. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing further has:

wrapping together said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, with air packing material, which contains air inside; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials wrapped with said air packing material into said cylindrical container.

Claim 14. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing further has:

wrapping each of said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, with each of individual air packing material, which contains air inside; and

wrapping together said plurality of said glass base materials, each of which are wrapped with said each of individual air packing material, with a secondary air packing material, which contains air inside; and

packing said plurality of said glass base materials, wrapped with said secondary air packing material into said cylindrical container.

Claim 15. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 13, wherein said packing packs said plurality of said glass base materials in said cylindrical container which has an inside diameter of approximately 10 mm larger than total diameter of said plurality of said glass base materials.

Claim 16. (withdrawn) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 12, wherein said packing has:

putting each of seven pieces of said glass base materials into said each of individual plastic bags; and

bundling together said seven pieces of said glass base materials, each of which are put into said each of individual plastic bags, such that six pieces of said glass base materials are arranged in a hexagonal arrangement around one central said glass base material; and

packing said seven pieces of said glass base materials, bundled together into said cylindrical container.

Claims 17 – 33 (Cancelled)

Claim 34. (Currently Amended) A method of packing a glass base material as claimed in claim 2-~~or~~-3 35, wherein said cylindrical container is made of at least one of a material selected from the group consisting of cardboard, plastic, cardboard plastic, wood and metal.

Claim 35. (new) A method of packing a glass base material, which is a base material of an optical fiber, for preventing damage of said glass base material during transportation, comprising:

putting the glass base material into a plastic bag;

wrapping said plastic bag containing said glass base material with air packing material, which contains air therein;

packing the glass base material, plastic bag and air packing material into a cylindrical container so that space between the glass base material and said cylindrical container is filled with said plastic bag and said air packing material.